

Wycombe drop both points after injuries

Sports Mail Special Report

SUTTON UNITED 2 : WYCOMBE WAND. 1

A FOUL by full back Lewis five minutes after the interval gave Sutton both Isthmian League points over a fighting Wycombe side at Sutton this afternoon. It was an afternoon of reunion, with Sid Cann and Paul Bates renewing acquaintances with the Wycombe club, but it was not a happy afternoon for some of the injured players.

Sutton United: Roffey, Gamblin, Shears, Powell, McGuinness, Clack, Wilkin, Osborne, Bates, Hermitage, Goodall.

Wycombe: Syrett, Lewis, Pullin, Thomas, Roystone, Gale, Worley, Beck, Balson, Horseman, Hodges.

Referee: Mr D G Ball (Bromley).

Wycombe were first on the attack and Roffey was soon in action, saving a first time shot from Thomas. After the initial burst Wycombe settled down and went ahead in the sixth minute, while full back Pullin was lying on the ground after a collision with Bates.

Hodges beat both Gamblin and Shears and his low cross was side-footed past a surprised goalkeeper by HORSEMAN.

Only then did the referee

beckon on the trainer and Pullin was led off the field with a bleeding nose.

Wycombe skipper John Beck reverted to full back but Wycombe continued pressing, and the dangerous Hodges was unlucky with a header that hit the bar.

After 14 minutes Pullin returned and took his normal position.

Sutton nearly claimed the equaliser when Osborne opened up a pass for Wilkins. Syrett punched out his fierce shot and then watched a follow up attempt go over the bar.

Seconds later Bates put a shot just wide.

Lewis and Syrett collided;

Pullin headed the ball away for a corner and from it Osborne saw his header nodded off the line by Lewis.

Wycombe were showing much more fire than Sutton, and their defence was playing confidently against the interchanging home forwards.

Five minutes before half-time, Wycombe suffered a second injury blow when Gale was taken off with a badly bruised shin; but even with this advantage Sutton could not get the ball in the net.

Half-time: Sutton 0, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

Gale, although limping slightly, was able to resume after the interval and continue his task of shadowing Bates. But only two minutes after the restart Sutton drew level when OSBORNE raced in to convert a long pass from McGuin.

Then after five minutes Lewis ran a pass into his own net to give Sutton the lead. Then for the first time the home sides double spearheaded attack looked dangerous.

RESULT:

SUTTON UTD. 2
WYCOMBE WDRS 1